

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the
Appellate Courts

IN RE: STEVEN MICHAEL HODGEN, BPR NO. 025456

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

No. M2025-01172-SC-BAR-BP

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Steven Michael Hodgen on October 8, 2024; upon the Board's Order for Default Judgment on January 29, 2025; upon entry of the Board of Professional Responsibility's Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on March 26, 2025; upon entry of the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment on April 7, 2025; upon entry of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment on April 7, 2025; upon entry of the Hearing Panel's Findings and Judgment for the Assessment of Costs on May 2, 2025; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for the Assessment of Costs of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Hodgen by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 2, 2025; upon consideration and approval by the Board on May 2, 2025; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which, the Court approves the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Judgment of suspension.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Mr. Hodgen is suspended from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, for six (6) years with five (5) years served as active suspension and, after a successful application for reinstatement by Mr. Hodgen, an additional one-year served on probation. The grant of probation is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) During the period of suspension and probation, Mr. Hodgen shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and which

result in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.

- (b) Mr. Hodgen shall engage a practice monitor for the entire period of probation as his own expense and in full compliance with all requirements contained in Tenn. Sup. Ct. 9, § 12.9.

(2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Hodgen must have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter. In addition, Mr. Hodgen shall be in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

(3) Mr. Hodgen shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Hodgen shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs incurred to date by the Board in this matter in the amount of \$2,941.00, which includes an assessment of \$100.00 for the cost of filing this matter, and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the court costs incurred herein. All costs, fees and expenses awarded or assessed herein shall be paid within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order for which execution, if necessary, may issue.

(5) In the event Mr. Hodgen fails to meet or maintain any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2 (2014).

(6) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

(7) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM